Bombay, Tinnevelly and Tuticorin salt imported into Travancore in 1096 and 1097 respectively, and the quantities for which contract was given in 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In regard to the first part of the question, the member is referred to pages 26 and 30 of the Administration Reports for 1096 and 1097 respectively. The quantities for which contract was given in 1098 are shown below:—

Bombay salt	...	3,20,000 maunds.
Tuticorin or Tinnevelly salt	...	3,50,000 maunds.

High Court Judges on Vacation Duty.

62. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the circuit programme of Vacation Judges of the High Court for 1097 and 1098 and the amounts drawn by them as travelling allowance?

(*b*) Will it not result in great saving if the Vacation Judges are asked to inspect court after court in order of nearness to one another instead of being allowed to proceed from one court to a distant court leaving out the adjacent courts?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the Judicial sheets of the Government Gazette, pages 89 and 485, dated the 21st March, 1922, and the 27th February, 1923 respectively, in regard to circuit programmes. A statement † of travelling allowances drawn is laid on the table.

(*b*) The programme of inspection of particular courts is fixed with reference to their previous inspections, the object being the inspection of all the courts, at least once in three years. The order of nearness cannot always be adhered to.

Appointment of K. V. Viraraghavachari in the High Court.

63. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (1) Did the Chief Justice appoint one K. V. Viraraghavachari on Rs. 45 in the High Court after the reorganisation?

(2) What is his qualification and what was his pay before the reorganisation?

(3) Is it a fact that the Chief Justice recommended him for a place on Rs. 45 at the time of the reorganisation and that that recommendation was not approved by Government?

(4) Is it a fact that he was subsequently appointed as the head clerk of a Munsiff's Court on Rs. 35 and taken back to the High Court on Rs. 45?

(5) How long after the date of the reorganisation was this appointment made?

(6) Is it a fact that the Chief Justice kept this place vacant from the time of the reorganisation till the date of appointment of Viraraghavachari to the same?

† *Vide* Appendix V—page 220.

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MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) He has passed the Lower Secondary Examination and the Sheristadar's test. His pay before the reorganisation was Rs. 35 *plus* Rs. 4, scarcity allowance.

(3) Yes. The recommendation was for the grant of an advance increment which was not approved by Government.

(4) and (5) Yes. His pay as head clerk, Munsiff's Court, was Rs. 45 and not Rs 35, and he was taken back to the High Court 1 month and 24 days after the reorganisation on Rs. 45 in the scale of Rs. 25 to Rs. 50.

(6) The answer is in the affirmative.

Dispersal of a Temperance Meeting.

64. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware of the fact that an Excise Inspector by name Mr. Satyavagiswara Aiyar tried, with the help of the local Police, to disperse a temperance meeting held at the Cape?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any enquiries in the matter afterwards?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They have not made any enquiries.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do they propose to make any enquiries?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They will do so if the member desires.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Yes.

Suppression of Temperance Movement.

65. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has been sending confidential orders to his subordinate officers to see that the temperance movement is put down throughout the State?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Chemical Analysis of Home Salt.

66. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the salt manufactured in the local *alloms* was chemically examined during the three years from 1095, and, if so, how often, by whom, and where;

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